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SUBJECT: SWISS SALES OF N/C MACHINE TOOLS TO USSR

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1) EDO'S EFFORTS RE SWISS SALES OF NUMERICAL CONTROLLED (N/C) MACHINE TOOLS TO THE USSR ARE APPRECIATED BUT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL FALLS SHORT OF RESOLVING THE ISSUE. THE EMBASSY, THEREFORE, IS REQUESTED TO AGAIN APPROACH MAX KRELL OF THE SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE AND ASK WHETHER THE SWISS LICENSING AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THE SIP 8000 SERIES MODELS 55, 65, AND 75 AND THE DIXI MODELS 3S, 75F, AND 5S TO BE COVERED BY THE ACCURACY PARAMETERS OF SUB-ITEM (B) OF BOTH THE CURRENT (1972) IL-1091 DEFINITION AND THE NEW DEFINITION ACCEPTED BY COCOM DURING ROUND
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IV OF THE 1974-75 COCOM LIST REVIEW. THE US LICENSING AUTHORITIES REGARD THE CITED MACHINE TOOLS TO BE COVERED BY BOTH DEFINITIONS. IF THE SWISS DO NOT CONSIDER THOSE MACHINES TO FALL UNDER THE CONTROL PARAMETERS OF EITHER DEFINITION, WE ARE INTERESTED IN THEIR REASONS WHY NOT. COPIES OF THE OLD (CURRENT) AND NEW 1091 DEFINITIONS ARE BEING POUCHED. (THE NEW DEFINITION, WHILE DISCUSSED IN PARIS DURING ROUND IV, WAS FINALLY ACCEPTED ON JANUARY 20 WITH A ONE-YEAR VALIDITY NOTE. IT, ALONG WITH THE OTHER

REVISED COCOM ENTRIES, WILL GO INTO FORCE ON APRIL 12, 1976.)

2) IT HAS OCCURRED TO US THAT SINCE THE CITED SIP AND DIXI MACHINES ARE CATEGORIZED AS JIG GRINDERS, JIG BORERS, AND/OR JIG MILLS, THE SWISS MAY CONSIDER THEM TO FALL UNDER THAT TYPE OF JIG MACHINES FREED FROM COCOM CONTROL WHEN IL-1002 ("JIG BORERS AND JIG GRINDERS WITH ACCURACIES OF BETTER THAN PLUS/MINUS 3 MICRONS (PLUS/MINUS 0.00012 INCHES)") WAS DELETED FROM THE COCOM LIST IN 1972 WITHOUT GIVING CONSIDERATION TO THE N/C AND CNC ASPECTS. THAT IS, THE SWISS MAY BELIEVE THE "JIG" CLASSIFICATION OF THE SIP AND DIXI MACHINES TO BE THE OPERATIVE FACTOR, RATHER THAN THE N/C OR CNC UNIT WHICH CONTROLS THE MACHINE'S MOVEMENTS. IT IS THE US POSITION THAT FORMER IL-1002 EQUIPMENT (I.E. JIG GRINDERS, JIG BORERS, ETC.) INCORPORATING N/C OR CNC UNITS ARE EMBARGOED BY IL-1091 BY THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE SUCH CONTROL UNITS AND BEEN SO EMBARGOED SINCE 1972 AT LEAST. IF THE SWISS DO NOT SHARE THIS VIEW, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY NOT.

3) (FYI: LICENSING ACTION ON A US CASE CONCERNING 2 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT COMPARABLE TO THE SIP AND DIXI MACHINES RESTS TO SOME EXTENT ON FOREIGN AVAILABILITY FACTORS, SUCH AS FREE EXPORT FROM SWITZERLAND OF SUCH EQUIPMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, WE NEED THE SWISS ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END FYI). INGERSOLL

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